

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A polyphenylene ether based resin composition comprising (a) from 10 to 93% by weight of a polyphenylene ether based resin and optionally a styrene based resin, (b) from 2 to 20% by weight of a styrene based thermoplastic elastomer modified with an imidazolidinone compound, and (c) from 5 to 60% by weight of an inorganic filler that has been surface treated with a silane compound.

2. (Original) The polyphenylene ether based resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the inorganic filler as the component (c) is a mineral filler that has been surface treated with a mercaptosilane compound.

3. (Currently amended) The polyphenylene ether based resin composition according to claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~, wherein the inorganic filler as the component (c) is a clay that has been surface treated with a mercaptosilane compound.

4. (Currently amended) The polyphenylene ether based resin composition according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~[[to 3]]~~, having higher impact strength and an elongation at break than a resin composition consisting only of the component (a) and the component (c).

5. (Original) A polyphenylene ether based resin composition comprising 100 parts by weight of the resin composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4 and (d) from 5 to 30 parts by weight of an aromatic phosphoric ester based flame retarder.